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SUBJECT: SECRETARIAT (S/S) REQUIREMENTS

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1. FOLLOWING ARE DRAFT ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE STATEMENTS
BY SECRETARY, AS REQUESTED IN REFTEL:

2. DRAFT AIRPORT ARRIVAL STATEMENT:

BEGIN QUOTE: GOOD TO BE BACK AMONG FRIENDS. I DO NOT
ANTICIPATE STAYING AS LONG ON THIS TRIP AS I HAVE SEVERAL
TIMES IN THE PAST. BUT I DO LOOK FORWARD TO EXPLORING
WITH OUR ISRAELI FRIENDS THEIR THOUGHTS ON THE NEXT STEP
TOWARD A SECURE PEACE. THIS PEACE CAN BE ACHIEVED ONLY
BY ACCOMMODATION BY THE PARTIES INVOLVED. THE HISTORY
OF THE MIDDLE EAST HAS SHOWN CLEARLY THAT WAR DOES NOT
PROVIDE ANY POLITICAL ANSWERS. SO I THINK IF WE FOCUS ON
ACCOMMODATION AND COMPROMISE WE MAY FIND SOME OF THE
ANSWERS THAT CAN TURN THIS REGION FROM ONE OF TRAGEDY INTO
ONE OF HOPE AND A BETTER LIFE FOR EVERYONE. SO WITH MY
ISRAELI HOSTS, WE SHALL SPEND THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS EXPLORING
TOGETHER THEIR IDEAS OF HOW WE CAN MAKE PROGRESS.

DESPITE WHAT I READ AND HEAR, I HAVEN'T COME TO
PRESSURE ANYONE. THE DESIRE FOR PEACE RUNS SO DEEP AND TRUE
THAT THE QUESTION IS NOT WHETHER ANYONE WANTS IT, BUT RATHER
HOW TO ACHIEVE PEACE. MY DISCUSSIONS HERE AND ON MY OTHER
STOPS WILL FOCUS ON THIS QUESTION. AND, AS YOU ALL KNOW
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FROM PAST EXPERIENCE, I ALWAYS TRY, WHEN I AM IN THE MIDDLE

EAST, TO FOLLOW THE BIBLICAL INJUNCTION: "LET THY SPEECH
BE SHORT, COMPREHENDING MUCH IN FEW WORDS..." IT IS GOOD
TO BE HERE, IT IS GOOD TO BE AMONG FRIENDS OF LONG-STANDING.
END QUOTE.

3. DRAFT AIRPORT DEPARTURE STATEMENT:

BEGIN QUOTE: MY TALKS WITH MY ISRAELI HOSTS, AS IS ALWAYS
THE CASE, HAVE BEEN FRIENDLY AND FRANK. THEY HAVE BEEN CON-
STRUCTIVE AND THEY HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGING. I LEAVE ISRAEL
MORE OPTIMISTIC AND HOPEFUL THAT IN THE NEAR FUTURE WE WILL
MOVE CLOSE TO THE JUST AND SECURE AND DURABLE PEACE THAT
EVERYONE WANTS. THERE IS A YEARNING FOR PEACE. THE TASK
IS TO TRANSLATE THIS DEEP DESIRE THAT I FIND HERE-- AND IN
OTHER CAPITALS OF THE MIDDLE EAST-- INTO A REALITY. THIS
IS THE OBJECT OF MY TRIP AND, AGAIN, I SAY I AM HOPEFUL
THAT WE MAY SOON SEE A POSITIVE STEP. END QUOTE.
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